

CHABOT-LAS POSITAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

September 15, 2015

Agenda Item: 4.6

Subject: Acceptance of Grant Award - U.S. Department of Education TRIO Student Support Services (SSS) EXCEL ESL Program, Chabot College

Background: The TRIO Student Support Services grant targets disabled, low-income, and first-generation college students. This SSS grant continues funding for Chabot's EXCEL Program that targets Chabot's large English as a Second Language population. Latino and Asian-American students comprise the majority of the ESL students. Most of these students have ambitious educational goals. However, despite these ambitious goals, an analysis of the data shows a significant achievement gap between Chabot SSS-eligible ESL students and their more affluent peers.

The Chabot College SSS ESL Program seeks to narrow and/or close this gap by providing comprehensive English language development support in college courses, case management, financial aid and financial literacy services. The program recruits from all areas of the college utilizing frequent and intrusive student contacts and strong academic supports, led by ESL faculty, to retain students. Services include a Summer Readiness Program, close monitoring and follow-up on progress and continuous program activities that keep students engaged and in contact with SSS ESL faculty and staff. This program is a collaborative effort of ESL and Counseling faculty and strives to increase college access and success for this historically underrepresented population.

Funding for the project is in the amount of \$220,000 per year for five years (total \$1,100,000) for the period September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2020.

Recommended Action: That the Board of Trustees accepts the Grant Award – U.S Department of Education TRIO Student Support Services (SSS) EXCEL ESL Program, Chabot College, Award No. P042A151212, in the amount of \$220,000 per year for five years (total \$1,100,000) for the period September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2020. It is further recommended that the Board authorize the Vice Chancellor, Business Services, to execute the grant award on behalf of the District.

Submitted: Celia Esposito-Noy/Date

Approved: Jannett N. Jackson/Date

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